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Message From Director Sarah Jane Wise

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The Past two years have flown! Your enthusiasm and dedication to our founder Florence Terry Griswold's vision was and is infectious. As I traveled to each Table I saw her vision come alive as you welcomed new members, gave roll call reports on OAS countries, gave informative programs, informed your communities about PART activities, interacted with community projects, developed web sites and awarded scholarships. This list is not complete, however; to learn more about your sister Tables, I encourage you to attend the 56th Biennial Pan American Round Tables of Texas Convention to be held in Eagle Pass, March 21-24th.

I wish to thank my Board, Advisory Board, Table Directors and all PARTT members for your dedication and hard work that continues to make PARTT what it is today. I look forward to seeing you in Eagle Pass in March where "Yee Haw meets Ole".

"One for All and All for One". "Una para Todas y Todas para Una"

Sarah Jane Wise,
State Director 2011-2013

Eagle Pass Table Welcomes You to Convention "Where YeeHaw Meets Olé"



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Members of the Eagle Pass Table have been planning and working diligently for more than a year preparing for the State Convention to be held on March 22-24, 2013. Registration fees of \$200 are due before February 25 and you are reminded to call in to reserve your room at one of the conference hotels. Everyone is sure to have a great time visiting with dear friends, getting acquainted with this unique border city and taking a "must" trip to the local casino.

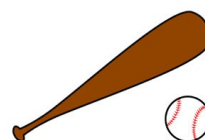


2012 Alliance Convention Update

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Zone I members presented "The Great American Past Time" skit at the Alliance Convention in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The group sang "Take Me Out To The Ballgame", while miming the sport and throwing out popcorn, candy and cracker-jacks to the audience.



Greetings from Alliance Director General:

First of all, I would like to thank the members of the Texas Pan American Round Tables for their support and involvement in my being elected as your Director General for the biennium 2012-2014. I pledge to fulfill my responsibilities to you and our organization with dedication, commitment and enthusiasm. I firmly believe that by working as a team we can achieve all our goals.

The theme for these next two years is "Connecting the Women of the Americas through Education". Our mission is to initiate, communicate, educate, facilitate and participate at the ground level at each of our Tables and their membership. Connecting the women of the Americas through education enables us to see the future with optimism and remember that accomplishments automatically result in change. Change is the law of life and those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future!

Our movement has gone through many changes and we have **Survived**. The meeting of minds and hearts from all the Americas is an enriching experience which we are privileged to share. Share your knowledge. Reach out beyond yourselves and gain understanding until, we are:

"One for All , All for One" "Una Paraa Todas, Todas Para Una"
Elsie Perez



Pan American Woman of the Year Named



Dr. Gladys Carreaga de Valda was named Pan American Woman of the Year at the Alliance Convention in Buenos Aires in October. She has been a member of the Sucre, Bolivia Pan American Round Table for 43 years and has held many positions, including that of Table Director during four different terms. She has also served on the local, national and alliance levels in many capacities.

Mrs. Carreaga de Valda has also been responsible for the formation of many tables and youth groups in Bolivia. She served as a medical surgeon in her profession, with specialty in Oncology and Radiation Therapy.

2012 Table Directors' Meeting

State Director Sarah Jane Wise presided over the Table Directors' meeting in San Antonio on August 11, 2012.

The main order of business was to acquaint the new Directors with the protocol and functions of our organization.



(l to r) Seated in front are Susan Mathews, and Manni Hachar. In the second row are Lucy Mancha and Lana Harper.



Front Row l to r: Janet Mayorga, Area A Associate Director; Yolie Calley, State Corresponding Secretary; Sarah Jane Wise, State Director; Margo Arevalo-Gonzalez, Area C Associate Director; Lana Harper, Historian. Top Row l to r: Manni Hachar, Laredo First Associate Director; Lucy Mancha, Eagle Pass Director; Ana Sandoval, Alamo-San Juan-Pharr Director; Lisa Romero, Del Rio Director; Susan Mathews, Corpus Christi Director; Elva Morales, San Benito Director; Linda Marin, Brownsville II Director; Marlyn Greiner, Houston Director; Sandra Paine, San Antonio Director and Isabel Vezzetti, Brownsville I Director.

“Revisiting the Past” is Theme for Brownsville I 80th Birthday

Wearing vintage outfits and hats reminiscent of days gone by, guests and members of the Brownsville I Table celebrated their 80th anniversary at La Cantera in early November. Rio Grande City/Roma & McAllen Table representatives joined in the activities, along with honorary guests: State Director Sarah Jane Wise, New Alliance Director General Elsie Perez, Area C Director & Alliance Corresponding Secretary Margo Arevalo Gonzalez, and Alliance Parliamentarian Carmen Guerra. A delicious dinner was served on tables elegantly decorated in pink.

Greeting the guests as they arrived are: (l to r) Margo Arevalo Gonzalez, Alliance Corresponding Secretary and area C Director; Sarah Jane Wise, State Director and Elsie Perez, Alliance Director General/Immediate Past State Director.



Enjoying the “Blast From the Past” celebration are (l to r) member Lourdes Deytz Shipley, Isabel Vezzetti, PART I Director; Lucy Willis and Guillermina Galonsky, members.





Antonia "Toni" Becker

Toni Becker passed away on June 26, 2011 at the age of 91. Mrs. Becker was a founding member of the Pan American Round Table of Eagle Pass. The Eagle Pass Table is very proud that she was one of sixteen local ladies who held the first

meeting in Eagle Pass in 1953. Toni was also very proud of the fact that Mrs. F.T. Griswold was a native of Eagle Pass and was raised there, as she was.

Toni was an active member of P.A.R.T. until the time of her death. She was always eager to guide in observing protocol and was very knowledgeable about the Constitution and By-Laws, as well as the history of Pan American Round Table.

Toni is survived by her daughter, Table member Gricelda Becker-Pérez and her family. Toni was loved and respected and will be greatly missed.



Estela G. Chapa

Austin Table member Estela G. Chapa, 84 passed away on Monday, October 1, 2012. Estela joined the Rio Grande City/Roma Table in 1959. In 1967 she and her family moved to Austin where she joined the Austin Table.

Throughout her life she was very active in the community and in the Pan American Round Table.

Estela started teaching in her hometown before the family moved to Austin in 1967. She continued her teaching career in the Austin ISD and retired after 33 wonderful years in the profession. She was also a volunteer with the *Fiesta de Independencia* Foundation (which awards college scholarships to Hispanic youth) and the Catholic Daughters organization.

Estela was an inspiration to her family and her memory will be cherished by all of us forever.



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Odessa Table Celebrates 35th Birthday

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Margaret Carpenter displays her beautiful table setting at their anniversary party

Sixteen members were present at the recent celebration of the Odessa Table in honor of their 35th anniversary. The party was held at the home of Margaret Carpenter, where she and Jeanene Taylor served as hostesses. The program was given by Jeanene Taylor, who presented the history of the Table.

Members attending, left to right, are: Yollie Wilkins, Margaret Carpenter, Betty Dale, Eddie Spence, Knoxine Clack, Nancy Minor, Sonya Haynie, Jeanene Taylor, Joy Cowan, Sheilagh Bassett, Earlene Smith, Barbara Graff, Gladys Simpson, Helen Grewell, June Boutin and Edith Libson-Hardy, Photographer.



Jeanene Taylor and Margaret Carpenter served as hostesses for the Odessa Table's celebration.

McAllen Christmas Mother/Daughter Luncheon

The annual Mother/Daughter Christmas luncheon was held on December 4th at the McAllen Country Club. UTPA Vice President Veronica Gonzales, reported on the great advances being made at UTPA and Josie Cappadona, UTPA Development Committee member, inspired the group to offer greater support for the university.

Several members from the Brownsville I Table were also present.

Entertainment was provided by the Milam Elementary School of McAllen, with appropriate Christmas Carols.



Honorary guests: (1-r): Area C Director/Alliance Corres. Secretary Margo A. Gonzalez, UTPA Vice President Veronica Gonzales, Zone I Director Martha Stumbo, McAllen Director Alma De La Garza, Alliance Director General Elsie Pérez, Alliance Parliamentarian Carmen Guerra and UTPA Development member Josie Cappadona.





Laredo Table Director, Ana Flores welcomes Director General Elsie Pérez and Corresponding Secretary Margo A. Gonzalez to their regular meeting of Nov. 14th, as one of their first official visits as elected Alliance officials for 2012-2014.

Letter from the Editor:

Having served as State Publications Chairman during the past biennium has been a real privilege. The task served me as a creative & learning experience and also provided me with the opportunity to get acquainted with many of my Pan American sisters throughout the State. Thanks to all for being so cooperative in submitting material in a timely manner. Your submissions display great enthusiasm in pursuit of our PART objectives.

Thanks, also, to State Director Sarah Jane Wise for her suggestion to increase the number of pages in the newsletter in digital format. This great idea has provided the means whereby all photos and information submitted by the Tables can be included, yet allows us to stay within the budget.

My best wishes to our new and upcoming Publications Chairman and A big congratulations to our beloved Elsie Pérez in her new role as Alliance Director General!

Sincerely Yours,

Lily

"One for All, All for One"

"Una para Todas, Todas para Una"

McAllen Installs New Members

The McAllen Table is proud to present four new members. They are, l-r: Nancy Cosby, Dr. Farzaneh Razzaghi and Mariella Gorena, who were installed in June. Carola Chapa was inducted in November.



Carol Chapa

December 1, 2012



Table Director Ana Flores, Member Nora Verela de Peña, Past Table Director Alicia Cantú and 1st. Associate Director Manni Hachar welcome guests at Laredo's annual Christmas Tea, hosted by International Bank of Commerce.



Rosalia Beltran, on the left, shown here with Ann Reveley, was one of eleven members introduced at the November meeting of El Paso.

Brownsville I: "A Visit to the Past"



Enjoying the party are Brownsville I members: (l to r) Sue Sharp, Lucy Willis, and Rachel Ayala.



Helping with the celebration are members of the Rio Grande City/Roma Table: (l to r) Dalinda Peña, Rosa Paulson, Director; Pee Wee Guerra, Soila Pérez, and Elvia Guerrero.



(l to r) Carmen Guerra, Alliance Parliamentarian and former Alliance Director General; Margot Arrevalo Gonzalez, Alliance Corresponding Secretary and PARTT Area C Director; Elsie Perez, Alliance Director General and Immediate Past State Director; Isabel Vezzetti, Brownsville I Director; Susanne Champion, Birthday Party Chair; Sarah Jane Wise, State Director; and Peggy Klinger, Brownsville I Recording Secretary. Missing from the picture is Normalinda Castellano, Brownsville I Associate Director.



Other attendees at the festivities are (l to r): Sonia Rendon Talavera, Mexican Vice Consul; Evangelina Garcia Moreno, Mexican Vice Consul; Lita Pashos, Brownsville I member and Lorraine Knoch, guest.

Happy 80th!

EAGLE PASS TABLE EVENTS



Convention Chairman Lana Harper provides convention details



Elva Benavides, Katrina Harper, and Magali Rodriguez planning "Where Yeehaw Meets Ole" Evening for Eagle Pass Convention.

Hospitality Room Chairpersons Ofelia Rodriguez & Diane Trevino (seated) discuss plans with member Sandra Perez.



Mixer & Convention Opening Ceremony committee members are Norma Dena, Adelina Roman, Alicia Charles & Maria Moncada.



Adelina Roman and Elva Benavides present program on Honduras during the October meeting.

State Convention, 2013



November meeting - Standing l-r: Director Lucy Mancha, State Corresponding Secretary Yolie Calley, State Director Sarah Jane Wise, Seated: Treasurers Amparo Garcia & Sharon Smith.



Director Lucy Mancha & Associate Dir. Anita Williams welcome members & guests to the **Christmas Party**.

December



Members enjoy the **2012 Christmas Party** held at Charcoal Grill.



El Paso On the Move!

Marilyn Maloney, Ann Brown & Sally Broaduss



Director Ellen Speights chose the theme for the year to be "The Year of the Arts" for the El Paso Table. The theme chosen for the first meeting, held on October 16th, was "El Paso Opera and Opera Antics", highlighting several performers from the El Paso Opera. Eleven new members were introduced.



L-R. Lauren Nachtmann, Suzanne Hubbard & Betty MacGuire were also present for the October event.

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L-R: Susanne Hubbard, Betty Azar, & Barbara Furman at the November 20 meeting.



Paula Lynch, on the right, and Lori Scott attended the November meeting at the El Paso Country Club

P.J. Hutson and Jan McNutt enjoyed the meeting.



Program presenter Jackie Spier with Ann Jackson, center, and Barbara Ainsa.



Director Ellen Speights with immediate Past Director, Ann Jackson.

El Paso Christmas Elegance



Jane Thomson (left), Ellie Fenton (center) and Ann Lovelady.



L-R: Susanna Hubbard, Ann Jackson and Marissa Rogers.

"Holiday Fiesta"

Ann Jackson, immediate Past Director of the El Paso Table, served as hostess for the December 12th Christmas celebration. Her elegant home was festively decorated for the holidays, complete with a gingerbread house, Santa's elves, a magnificent, roaring fire, a lovely Christmas tree and hot cider for guests to enjoy.



Dolley Barrett greets Bambina Roe with an affectionate kiss.



Carolyn Ponsford (left) with Jan McNutt.



Mary Carmen Saucedo (left), Dorothy Schatzman & Nina Sambrano

"Active Conroe"



Rod Chavez, director of the Conroe ISD's Anti-Dropout Program, shares ideas for inspiring children to stay in school during November 13 meeting.



Liz Rubio was chosen from 16 applicants to receive the Conroe Table's 2012-13 scholarship. Rubio, mother of two, a full-time court coordinator and a pre-law student, attended the January 8, 2013, meeting to express her appreciation.



Left to right: State Secretary Yolanda Calley and State Director Sarah Jane Wise visit with Conroe Table members Nancy Smith, program chairman, and Ahia Shabaaz, Table Director. The state officers visited Conroe for the monthly meeting of November 13, 2012.

Jean Heasley (left) and Becky Judah, attending Alliance convention, stop midway through 10 lanes of traffic in downtown Buenos Aires. Behind them is the Obelisk, which marks significant events in Argentina's history.



Conroe Table Director Dr. Ahia Shabaaz (right) congratulates fellow-Texan Elsie Perez, new Director General of the Alliance of Pan American Round Tables, who was inducted during the international convention in Buenos Aires.

Director Ahia Shabaaz is shown here meeting with Vickie Christopher, President of the Conroe Friends of the Library, during their annual book sale at the Montgomery County Central Library . A donation to the Friends of the Library by Conroe PART secured membership for all Table members as "Friends of the Library".



McAllen Mother/Daughter Christmas Luncheon

Dec. 4,
2012



Chris Cárdenas on the left, with Kathleen Pebley and her Mom, Kathi Tavares



Michelle Pérez, next to her mother-in-law, member Dilia Pérez with Aunt Amber Barrera in the background.



Dardanella & Daughter-in-Law Dora Cardenas



Anita Moon with Mom Ana Maria Moon

Guests from Edinburg
Sara Saldaña, Noelia Peña,
Josie Cappadona
with member Becky Strong, 2nd from left.



Julia Connell with her mom, Dr. Yvonne Quintanilla, PhD.



Victoria Guerra, Yolanda Chapa, Ana Maria and Anita Moon, Marcia Ingram & her guest, Raquel Oliva.

Representatives from McAllen and Edinburg Tables Attend Alliance Convention in Buenos Aires, Argentina



"Take Me Out to the Ballgame" skit at Pan American Night: Lily Torrez, Alma De La Garza, Alma G. Gonzalez, Josie Cappadona, Mariella Gorena. Back: Dolly Flores, Ana Maria Moon, Kay Moffitt, Yolanda Barra, Margot Arevalo & Ciara Pérez.



Willard & Ana Maria Moon, Yolanda & Cayetano Barrera, and Jim & Kay Moffitt enjoying Noche Argentina



Ready for a tour to Estancia Santa Susana in front of Hotel Panamericano: Rita, Yolanda Barrera, Mariella Gorena, Josie Cappadona, Alma De La Garza, Alma Gloria Gonzlez, Carol Sanchez, Cayetano Barrera, Willard Moon and Kay & Jim Moffitt.

Opening Night: Carol, Rita, Isabel Vez-zeti, Alma, Alma Gloria., Dolley, Carmen & Lily.



Seated: Rita, Dolley, Josie, Margo. Back: Alma, Ana Maria, Mariella, Alma Gloria, Lily

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Carmen Guerra, Mariella Gorena, Alma De La Garza and Josie Cappadona visiting Salta, Argentina

BROWNSVILLE I DECEMBER MEETING



(l to r) Maria Enriqueta Yzaguirre, Brownsville I Parliamentarian; Jean Hager, former State Director; Martha Stumbo, Alliance Zone I Director and PARTT Recording Secretary; and Elsie Perez, Alliance Director General attended the Brownsville I December meeting.



l to r) Shirley Carevich, Teddy Renfrow, Anne Raulston, Joanne Gilmore and Josefa Castellano.



(l to r) Gloria Moore, Shirley Carevich and Teddy Renfrow enjoy each other's company before the meeting.



Alliance Director General/Alliance Zone I Director, Elsie Perez was on hand to present certificates to: (l to r) Martha Stumbo, Zone I Director; newly inducted Associate member Rachel Ayala, (next to Elsie) and Active member Gracie Uhles.



Members of PART II Brownsville attended. (l to r) Mary Ann Boehl, Gale Avery, and Sarita Walker.





Fort Worth Table Celebrates Christmas

